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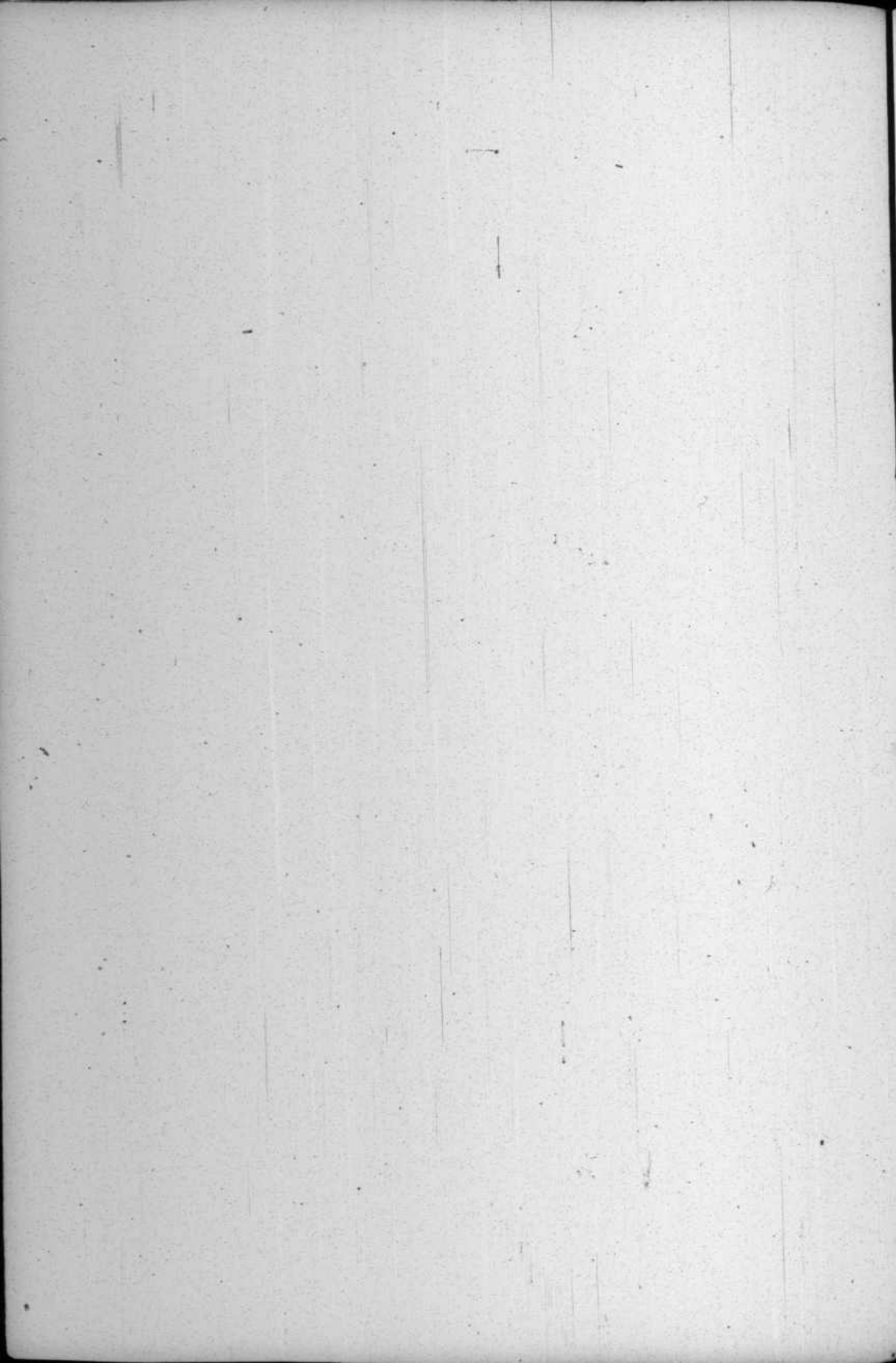
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS STATE OF FLORIDA,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., December 31, 1870.

To His Excellency HARRISON REED,
Governor and Commander-in-chief:

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report from this department for the year ending December 31, 1870:

I took charge of the department on the 21st day of February, 1870, relieving the former Adjutant General, George B. Carse.

The duties devolving upon the Adjutant General are as follows, viz.:

The organization of the militia;

The supervision of the State Prison; and

The quarantine of the coast, and the care of the Capitol and public grounds.

As no attempt had been made to organize the militia, the first step which I considered necessary was to call the attention of those subject to militia duty to the 15th, 16th, and 17th sections of the militia laws, which I did by publishing in three of the official papers of the State, viz., the Tallahassee Sentinel, the Jacksonville Union, and the Florida Weekly Express. I soon received applications for authority to raise companies, and we now have ninety-six volunteer companies organized, and some of them are very well drilled.

The organization of regiments has been commenced, and twenty-three are partly organized.

As there are so many that have authority to raise companies, but as yet have not the requisite number of men, it was thought best not to complete the organizations for a few months, as it will be much better to have all of the companies belonging to the same regiments as near the same locality as possible.

I annex a roster of the commissioned officers, with the number of enrolled militia; the General Orders and Circulars, the number of arms and equipments on hand, and the whole amount of expenses incurred in this department during the year.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., April, 27, 1870.

The attention of citizens of the State subject to military duty, is called to sections 15, 16, and 17, of "An act to provide for organizing and disciplining the militia of the State," as follows:

SECTION 15. Whenever a sufficient number of persons, by the provisions of this act, citizens of any county of this State, subject to military duty, desire to organize a volunteer company, the Adjutant General, upon due application of such persons, shall appoint, the Commander-in-chief approving, some suitable person, resident of the county, to open a book in which he shall enter the names of the persons so volunteering, and shall fix a time and place of meeting for the purpose of organization.

SEC. 16. Whenever the names have been enrolled, the person so appointed shall report the fact, together with the names, to the Adjutant General, who shall report the same to the Commander-in-chief, and shall, in his discretion, recommend that officers be appointed for such company. If the Legislature shall be in session, the Commander-in-chief shall nominate officers to the Senate for confirmation; but if the Legislature shall not be in session, the Commander-in-chief may appoint officers, whose commissions shall expire at the close of the next regular session, if they shall not have been confirmed by the Senate. When such men have been enrolled, and the officers appointed, in conformity with the provisions of this act, such company shall be registered in the office of the Adjutant General, as a company of the volunteer militia of the State.

SEC. 17. The volunteer companies shall be organized, armed, and equipped in the same manner as companies of the same arm of service in the army of the United States.

The officers of each company, as soon as organized according to law, will be furnished with a copy of the Tactics and Regulations designated for the use of the State Militia.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

ROSTER

OF THE

MILITIA OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

JOHN VARNUM, Adjutant General.

Colonel EDWARD H. REED, of Jacksonville, Assistant Adjutant General.

Colonel LEROY D. BALL, of Tallahassee, Quartermaster General.

Colonel JOHN P. VARNUM, of Tallahassee, Commissary General.

Colonel GEORGE P. RANEY, of Tallahassee, Judge Advocate General.

Colonel CHAS. V. HILLYER, of Ocala, Chief of Ordnance.

Colonel JOHN A. HENDERSON, of Tampa, Inspector General.

Colonel P. A. HOLZ, of Lake City, Surgeon General.

FIRST BRIGADE.

GEO. E. WENTWORTH, Brigadier General.

STAFF.

A. B. Munn, Major and Assistant Adjutant General.

H. Hernandez, Major and Brigade Inspector.

SECOND BRIGADE.

J. T. BERNARD, Brigadier General.

STAFF.

J. W. Britton, Major and Assistant Adjutant General.

R. B. Gorman, Major and Ordnance Officer.

C. H. Edwards, Major and Commissary.

Wm. Lee Apthorp, Major and Brigade Inspector.

THIRD BRIGADE.

JOSIAH T. WALLS, Brigadier General.

STAFF.

Watson Porter, Major and Surgeon.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

FOURTH BRIGADE.

W. M. LEDWITH, Brigadier General.

STAFF.

John S. Driggs, Major and Assistant Adjutant General.

Chas. L. Mather, Major and Brigade Inspector.

N. H. Moragne, Major and Surgeon.

Francis B. Knapp, Major and Ordnance Officer, *vice* Geo. R. Foster, resigned.

INFANTRY.

Colonel 1st Regiment, J. Q. Dickinson.

" 2d " Thos. Harrod.

" 3d " J. W. Johnson.

" 4th " Wm. Steward.

" 6th " H. E. Russell.

" 7th " J. W. Childs.

" 8th " R. B. Sullivan.

" 9th " W. H. Kendrick.

" 10th " F. E. Little.

" 11th " H. T. Baya.

" 13th " John W. Brock.

" 14th " J. R. Bradford.

" 15th " M. Martin.

" 16th " H. S. Harmon.

" 17th " W. C. Tinker.

Lieutenant Colonel 2d Regiment, John Sunday.

" 4th " J. W. Toer.

" 5th " J. C. Gibbs.

" 9th " W. M. Bowen.

" 11th " T. H. Willard.

" 14th " S. L. Tibbitts.

" 15th " Henry Curtis.

Augustus P. Holbrook, Junior Major 10th Regiment.

H. S. Rawson, Senior Major 11th Regiment.

W. H. LeCain, Junior Major 11th Regiment.

CAVALRY.

John Bradford, Colonel 1st Regiment.

W. T. Weeks, Colonel 2d Regiment.

L. G. Stringfellow, Major 2d Regiment.

CAPTAINS.

Isaac Middleton,

John H. Brown,

Thos. Lagrant,

D. L. Alvarez,

Pliny S. Crews,

S. B. Bell,

Wm. A. Summersall

Chas. T. Carroll,

W. O. Hampton,

Gordon Jones,	Alex. Mosely,	Antonio E. Papy,
Frank Franklin,	George Hadley,	John Price, Jr.,
J. S. Ferrell,	W. W. Goza,	Moses J. Brown,
James Drayton,	Chas. Williamson,	D. L. Willis,
James Thomas,	Frank Butler,	J. S. Wood,
Legaby Brown,	Wm. James,	Hardee Raulerson,
John Morrison,	Jeff. Evans,	J. N. Haddock,
Humphrey Lewis,	W. T. Weeks,	T. Thomas,
P. Harrison,	Thos. W. Shine,	Doctor Green,
Washington Ebron,	L. B. Grant,	Bethel Durant,
Emanuel Fortune,	Cato Carter,	J. H. Allen,
Henry C. Pickett,	M. H. Daniels,	M. J. Clark,
James F. Clark,	S. T. Pons,	Henry Bram,
W. R. Miller,	D. E. Maxwell,	W. W. Wilder,
G. H. Washington,	Sam'l Boyd,	J. N. Horn,
H. A. Cromartie,	Isaac Savage,	E. Hamilton,
W. S. Bush,	Thos. W. Hart,	Arthur St. Clare,
Benj. Dilworth,	J. P. Grantham,	Isaac R. Hasby,
R. L. Rousseau,	D. P. Summers,	James Gillon,
Taylor Horn,	Jacob Ellis,	M. Bailes,
Thos. Jones,	Lewis Fields,	John L. Taylor,
Jas. H. Wentworth,	F. B. Taylor,	Geo. Sciplin,
Robt. F. Hosford,	Robt. F. Allison,	W. A. Hicks,
E. D. Hodges,	M. J. Joyner,	D. V. N. Person,
J. F. McMullen,	Benj. F. Jackson,	Jos. DeMartine,
Wm. Vandyke,	Wm. B. Ratcliff,	J. E. W. Markey,
Robt. Knickmeyer,	John Smith,	D. F. Lee.

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

Fortune Baker,	J. H. Lee,	Sam'l James,
Thos. Dickerson,	W. W. Farmer,	D. F. McDougald,
Joseph Holder,	Paul Wilson,	Joseph Thomas,
Frank Wanzer,	R. McKannaddie,	J. Armond,
Alex. De Lyons,	W. A. W. Simmons,	Job Jones,
J. H. Oxendyne,	W. R. Bell,	Henry Williams,
Joseph Morgan,	Jno. H. Williams,	Jacob Wyche,
Peter Miller,	E. D. Plummer,	A. Fluellar,
John C. Gambin, Jr.,	J. L. Sparkman,	Jacques Shampard,
Edward Pinkney,	Jas. M. Plant,	L. Robinson,
Asa Richard,	D. R. Howell,	E. W. Stephens,
Moses Mack,	J. H. Tucker,	T. J. Edwards,
Jas. A. De Lancey,	Job Adams,	C. W. Bannerman,
A. J. Wright,	G. W. Dismukes,	W. H. Dagen,
Grandell Brown,	W. M. Rozier,	Joe Mills,
J. P. Smith,	E. P. Ward,	John S. Collins,
C. P. Farnell,	J. B. Jeter, 1st Lt.	G. C. Wilson, 1st Lt.
W. W. Mathews,	and Adj't 7th Reg.	and Adj't 11th Reg
Rich'd H. Marks,	Infantry,	Infantry,

Wm. A. Ogilvie,
B. W. Grant,
Isaac Douglas,
Joseph Rowe,
Redie Bird,
J. C. Collins,
S. R. Causseaux,
J. M. Galphin,
Peter Bonand,
Louis Jackson,
John H. Tedder,
H. L. R. Roberts,
Jacob Smith,
C. H. Brinson,
Geo. T. Turner,

Benj. W. Tedder,
D. M. Papy,
Simon Sanchez,
Robt. G. Baker,
J. R. Alvarez,
Wm. A. Cone,
W. W. Sanders,
F. M. Weeks, 1st Lt.
and Adj't 2d Reg.
Cavalry,
W. O. Tison, 1st Lt.
and Q. M. 2d Reg.
Cavalry,
H. C. Croom,
Geo. M. Richardson,

M. L. Hartridge, 1st
Lt. and Q. M. 11th
Reg. Infantry,
Geo. H. Emery, 1st
Lt. and Comm'y
11th Reg. Infant.,
J. J. Hawkins,
J. B. Cone,
Jno. F. Livingston,
Israel Sciplin,
Lewis Norton,
W. S. McBride,
James Hoey,
Jno. S. Taylor, Jr.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

John Rials,
Andrew Cryer,
Sapio Middleton,
M. A. Dzialynski,
Joseph Byrdoff,
Riley Robson,
Thos. Houston,
Archey Hunter,
O. J. Colman,
Jonas Gibson,
Henry Taylor,
C. F. McKory,
S. B. Beverly,
Jas. D. Barr,
L. G. Stringfellow,
Geo. B. Dickinson,
Henry Wingate,
Silas Niblack,
Robert Smith,
Geo. Hudson,
Geo. C. Wilson, Jr.,
W. P. A. Wyer,
Sam'l Wilson,
Geo. W. Tully,

J. S. Parker,
Edward Hearn,
Jas. L. Hodges,
Wm. A. Cox,
Edwin Thomas,
Sam'l G. Evans,
Jno. C. Wilson,
Edward Forester,
Willoughby Adams,
J. C. Turner,
W. F. Harvard,
J. T. Allbritton,
James Hudnall,
A. Moseley,
T. B. Tillis,
Jas. S. Denham,
H. C. Neal,
Jason Gregory,
W. K. McIntosh,
Jno. D. Johns,
Jno. Papino,
George Adams,
W. T. Orman,
Sam'l D. Crews,

Jno. A. Brooks,
W. M. Barber,
D. F. O'Quinn,
P. Williams,
Jesse Paris,
Newton Ambrose,
James Walters,
John Johnson,
E. Murray,
J. King,
B. Rowell,
J. E. Blanton,
Jno. W. O'Neal,
P. McKnight,
Thos. J. Vann,
Robt. Dixon,
B. H. Tanner,
H. McMillan,
C. C. Mattox,
Thos. J. Shine,
Thos. Gibbs,
Wm. E. Hendry,
Jno. D. Treadwell,
W. L. R. Tyler.

Return of the Enrolled Militia of the State, for the Year ending December 31, 1870.

Counties.	White.	Colored.	Total.
Alachua	365	286	651
Baker	108	45	153
Bradford	268	50	318
Brevard			
Calhoun	117	61	178
Clay	165	32	197
Columbia	491	428	919
Dade	11	3	14
Duval	867	977	1,844
Escambia	443	308	751
Franklin	137	91	228
Gadsden	458	440	898
Hamilton	351	119	470
Hernando	314	129	443
Hillsborough	241	46	287
Holmes	175	194	369
Jackson	586	942	1,528
Jefferson	394	1,072	1,466
Lafayette	236	12	248
Leon	480	2,005	2,485
Levy	218	82	300
Liberty	108	60	168
Madison	421	758	1,179
Manatee	256	16	272
Marion	356	558	914
Monroe	678	241	919
Nassau	428	358	786
Orange	252	21	273
Putnam	358	194	552
Polk	238	26	264
Santa Rosa			
St. John's	318	122	440
Sumter	257	87	344
Suwannee	275	121	396
Taylor	176	12	188
Wakulla	186	111	297
Walton	503	148	651
Washington	253	48	301
Volusia	128	59	187
Grand total	11,612	10,342	21,954

[General Orders, No. 1.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 15, 1870.

By direction of the Commander-in-chief the commands of the several brigades of Florida State Militia will be assigned as follows:

First brigade to include Franklin and all other counties lying west of the Apalachicola river, Brigadier General George E. Wentworth, commanding.

Second brigade to include all counties lying between the Apalachicola and Suwannee rivers, exclusive of Franklin and Hamilton counties, Brigadier General William J. Purman, commanding.

Third brigade to include Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia, Baker, Bradford, Alachua, Marion, Levy, Hernando, Hillsborough, Polk, and Manatee counties, Brigadier General Josiah T. Walls, commanding.

Fourth brigade to include all other counties not herein specified, Brigadier General William M. Ledwith, commanding.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

[General Orders, No. 2.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 16, 1870.

The following-named officers are hereby announced as the staff of the Adjutant General:

Colonel Edward H. Reed, of Jacksonville, assistant adjutant general.

Colonel LeRoy D. Ball, of Tallahassee, quartermaster general.

Colonel John P. Varnum, of Tallahassee, commissary general.

Colonel George P. Raney, of Tallahassee, judge advocate general.

Colonel Chas. V. Hillyer, of Ocala, chief of ordnance.

Colonel John A. Henderson, of Tampa, inspector general.

Colonel P. A. Holt, of Lake City, surgeon general.

Each staff officer will furnish the brigade commanders with all information relative to his department when required.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

[General Orders, No. 3.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 27, 1870.

The attention of brigade commanders is called to the following extracts from the militia laws of this State:

SECTION 27. Whenever ten companies of the volunteer militia of any one arm of the service shall have organized in any county, or in contiguous counties, the Adjutant General shall order the general officer commanding in such district to organize said companies into a regiment, and recommend to the Commander-in-chief, through the proper military channels, the persons to fill the field and staff offices of the regiment. * *

SEC. 51. Any volunteer company may, on its organization, adopt a distinctive name, but shall be known by a particular letter in the battalion or regiment to which it belongs.

White and colored companies and regiments will be organized separately, in the volunteer militia, the same as in the United States Army.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

[General Orders, No. 4.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1870.

The system of tactics prepared by Brevet Major General Emory Upton, United States Army, is adopted for the instruction of the militia of this State. All exercises and manœuvring not embraced in that system are prohibited, and those therein prescribed will be strictly observed.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

[General Orders, No. 5.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1870.

On and after October 1, 1870, the brigade commanders will organize, or cause to be organized, all persons subject to militia duty, irrespective of color, (not including the volunteer militia,) in their respective departments, into companies and regiments, to constitute the enrolled militia of Florida.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

[Circular, No. 1.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 15, 1870.

The following general rules are communicated for the guidance of the newly-organized brigade commands:

1. The commander of a brigade will exercise a supervision over the affairs of the department under his control, similar to that exercised by commanding officers in the United States Army, in the administration of his department. For this purpose he will organize companies into regiments, and he may cause inspections to be made, and call for reports, returns, etc., at his discretion.

2. All official correspondence with this office will be transmitted through him, and he is expected to decide all matters which properly come within his jurisdiction, or to make appropriate remarks upon such as he deems right to forward.

Should it become necessary for an inferior officer to communicate directly with this office, he will immediately furnish a copy of his communication to his proper superiors.

3. A brigade commander, intending to leave his command, will report in advance his intention, proposed length of absence, and address, to this office.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

[Circular, No. 2.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Florida, September 15, 1870.

The following circular is issued for the information of the volunteer militia of this State:

1. It is necessary that the militia organization should be as nearly complete as possible on or before the 15th day of December next, as it is designed to ask the Legislature to petition Congress for a sufficient number of arms to fully equip the same.

2. When volunteer companies organize they will select the arm of the service to which they wish to belong.

3. The supply of arms having been exhausted no more arms can be issued at present.

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.

ORDNANCE.

Total number of serviceable arms and equipments on hand, 805—600 having been issued to Brigadier General Ledwith, of the 4th brigade.

Total expenses of the department for the year ending December 31, 1870, \$1,923 15.

STATE PRISON.

The total expenditures in this department for the year ending December 31, 1870, are \$16,983.42. Not having received the report of the commandant, I am unable to give a detailed account, but as soon as received it will be transmitted.

QUARANTINE OF THE COAST.

The seaport towns have been free from all contagious diseases during the past year, and the quarantine officers are deserving of praise for the efficient manner in which they have executed the quarantine laws.

REPAIRS OF STATE CAPITOL.

At the Extra Session of the Legislature of last June, the charge of the Capitol and grounds was placed in my hands, and an appropriation made for repairs on the same. I have expended the amount of the appropriation for the Capitol building according to my best judgment, but could not make all the necessary repairs inside, owing to the appropriation being insufficient, the building having come under my charge in a very dilapidated condition.

Total expenditure for repairs, \$15,671 50.

Very respectfully,

JOHN VARNUM,
Adjutant General.